

St. Matthias Columbus

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Mass Intentions

Tuesday, July 2

8:30 AM Jerry Callaghan

Wednesday, July 3

8:30 AM John Gus Naegele

Thursday, July 4

10:00 AM The Pusateri Family

Friday, July 5

8:30 AM Gerald Diehl

Saturday, July 6

5:00 PM Betty Priest

Sunday, July 7

9:00 AM Camello DelMonte 11:00 AM The People of our

Parish

+ A'niya Blackwell

Mass Times

Mon Communion	8:30 AM
Tue-Fri	8:30 AM
Saturday	5:00 PM
Sunday	9:00 AM
	11:00 AM
	1:45 PM (Haitian)
	3:00 PM (Nigerian)*
	7:15 PM (Brazilian)

* 3rd Sunday of the month only Reconciliation: First Saturday of t

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PASTORAL POST

Written by Father Tony

Images shape us. As Catholics, perhaps we know this best. Our churches have traditionally been full of artwork, statues, and depictions of holy people. Overtime, these images become part of us and our own faith journey. Personally, I will always remember the huge wooden crucifix hanging behind the altar at my home parish of St. Joseph in Dover, OH. That sacred image is ingrained in me and has been a reference point in my own vocational discernment. I hope many of you have religious images imprinted on your mind and heart.

I would like to introduce a new sacred image in our church of St. Matthias: our main crucifix. There is nothing wrong with the old crucifix, so we will find a good place for it. This new piece was made by the same company who did our new altar years ago, *Demetz Art Studio* out of Italy. You will notice something very unique about it: Jesus is depicted with African features.

As the pastor of this diverse parish, I believe it is important for us to realize that Jesus is the Christ for all people. My hope is that this crucifix would especially speak to the members of our congregation coming from African countries so that they can see themselves in Christ. This is especially true for many of our school children, who need to know that Jesus is like them.

I realize that this change in our church may be a radical shift for some of us. I ask for your patience, but I do believe that this is a good challenge. Recall that St. Paul said that the cross of Christ is 'foolishness' and a 'stumbling block.' It is not there for sentimental or decorative reasons. It is there to teach us how to die to ourselves and arrive at broader and more expansive understandings of suffering and love. May it also help us overcome racist mindsets and structures of injustice.

As we turn to the cross of Christ each week and celebrate the Eucharist beneath it, may all of us learn to see ourselves in Jesus, and yes, to see Jesus in each and every person sitting beside us.

STEWARDSHIP MEDITATION

"For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters. But do not use this freedom as an opportunity for the flesh; rather serve one another through love." (Galatians 5:13)

We like to celebrate the fact that we are free to "live the good life." But Jesus calls us to a different kind of freedom. St. Paul reminds us that Jesus sets us free so that we can serve one another, share our gifts and promote God's work here on earth to glorify His name and not honor ourselves.

Church News

Fr. Tony will be out of his office July 5, 9, and 10 for a priest conference.

SISTER MARIE

As announce June 22 & 23, Sister Marie is being called back to community life with her Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur near Cincinnati. She will be here until August 11. Please spend some quality time with her.

INDEPENDENCE DAY MASS

Mass on Thursday, July 4, will be at 10:00 AM. Please join us as we pray for our country and celebrate our nation. May God 'mend thine every flaw.'

MISSIONARY PRIEST WEEKEND

On July 6-7, we will host Fr. Thomas Carroll, a priest of the Piarist Fathers religious order. He is stationed in eastern Kentucky and works with the people in Appalachia. Please be generous with his special collection.

UPDATED RENTAL POLICY

The request forms are available at the Parish Offices or online at www.stmatthiascolumbus.com/facility-rentals. Those who have already booked their event with the Parish Office will be under the old guidelines.

ST. MATTHIAS FULL TIME TEACHER AIDE AND AFTERCARE POSITIONS Applications are being accepted for a part time aftercare position (10 hours per week), and a full time teacher aide for 40 hours a week. Applicants must have *Protecting God's Children* and BCI Fingerprints. Interested applicants should contact the school principal, Mr. Dan Kinley at dkinley@cdeducation.org.

FR. PJ BRANDIMARTI

Bishop Brennan has assigned Fr. PJ, who was our deacon last school year, to St. Paul Parish in Westerville as associate pastor to work with their new pastor, Fr. Jonathan Wilson.

ANNUAL ST. MATTHIAS GARAGE SALE:

➤ JULY 19 (9:00 AM - 3:00 PM)/ JULY 20 (9:00 AM - 1:00 PM)

Your generous donations for the garage sale will be appreciated beginning June 30 through July 14. We <u>cannot</u> accept clothing, televisions, or large appliances. The volunteers will be grateful. And they always need extra help, so you are welcome to volunteer too. Please see the sign-up sheets and/ or Mary Cardinal along with her cohorts. This is a major fund raiser for our parish that is highly anticipated in our surrounding area. Word on the street is that ours is the best neighborhood garage sale around! In addition to donating and volunteering, we hope you'll also buy some new treasures from our stock.

Diocesan News

<u>Collection</u>		
June 16, 2019	CURRENT	YEAR TO DATE
Contributions	\$ 7,193.00	\$ 466,624.33
Budget	\$ 8,857.69	\$ 451,742.19
Difference	(\$ 1,664.69)	\$ 14,882.14

Notices

SUNDAY COLLECTION UPDATE

A big thank you to the parish for our Sunday collections. This fiscal year put us above budget and shows your dedication and excitement for the future of our parish.

SAVE THE DATE: AUGUST BLOOD DRIVE St. Matthias will sponsor a Red Cross blood drive August 18, 8:00 AM-2:00 PM. Sign up information will be available in July.

FIRST FRIDAY

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be Friday, July 5, 3:00-5:00 PM. It is a beautiful time of prayer and meditation. Benediction begins at 4:40 PM.

FAITH ON EIGHTH

Our next date for Faith on Eighth is Wednesday, July 10. The board to volunteer is in the vestibule. We need sloppy joes, macaroni and cheese, buns or cupcakes. Food is accepted at the gym entrance from 4:00 – 5:00 PM.

STEM SUMMER CAMP

St. Matthias is sponsoring a STEM camp, July 8-12, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM, for grades 1-8. Contact Elisa Clever for more information at elisabayne@gmail.com.

MARRIAGE IS A SACRAMENT

Find the Lord in your home. Participate in a World Wide Marriage Encounter weekend, September 13-15. Contact Paul or Marilou Clouse at 614.834.6880.

QUO VADIS: YOUNG MEN'S VOCATIONS High school boys are invited to consider a vocation to the priesthood by attending an exploratory retreat July 28-31. Go to https://faceforwardcolumbus.com/quovadis for more information.

Greeters for July

5:00 PM	Mary Kay Mulligan and
	Pam McLaughlin
9:00 AM	Diann Roberts and
	Cathy Strickland
11:00 AM	Lynne Mara and
	Barbara Douthitt

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July 5: Jimmy and Winson Snelling

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